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SUBJ: VISIT OF EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 4254; (B) BONN 3814; (C) BONN 3597 (NOTAL);  
(D) BONN 3435

SUMMARY: WE SHARE BONN ESTIMATE THAT EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT'S REMARKS DURING PROPOSED BERLIN VISIT WILL BE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED BY SOVIETS. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT THAT CONCERNED THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TO COUNSEL JENKINS ON WHAT THOSE REMARKS SHOULD BE, EVEN IF JENKINS PLANS TO MENTION DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. INDICATIONS ARE HE WILL ONLY TALK ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. OUR OWN  
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OPINION IS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR US TO CONTACT JENKINS BEFORE HIS TRIP TO BERLIN, AND WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT ANY SPEICAL MONITORY APPROACH TO THE SENAT IS UNNECESSARY. END SUMMARY.

1. WHILE WE CERTAINLY SHARE BONN'S ESTIMATE THAT SOVIETS WILL BE SENSITIVE ABOUT PUBLIC REMARKS MADE IN

BERLIN ON DIRECT ELECTION TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP), ESPECIALLY IF MADE BY HIGH RANKING EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) OFFICIAL LIKE COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS, WE VIEW HIS PROPOSED VISIT AND POSSIBLE REMARKS, INCLUDING ANY ON ELECTION TO EP, AS NATURAL COROLLARY TO INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN AREA OF APPLICABILITY OF ROME TREATIES. USBER BELIEVES WE SHOULD VIEW JENKINS' VISIT AND RESULTANT STATEMENTS AS UNEXCEPTIONAL EVENT. THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT JENKINS SHOULD NOT BE ALERTED TO PARTICULAR BERLIN POLITICAL CLIMATE. HOWEVER, SUCH A "BRIEFING" SHOULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, INCLUDE DEMARCHES TO JENKINS TO AVOID SUBJECT OF ELECTIONS TO EP. EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW OF SOVIET SENSITIVITIES AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE TO OURSELVES THAT EC DEVELOPMENTS MAY IN THE FUTURE POSE A TROUBLESOME ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS OF BERLIN, WE HAVE PUBLICLY PERMITTED BERLIN A QUALIFIED PARTICIPATION IN DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EP AND HAVE TOLD THE SOVIETS SO. FOR US NOW TO ADVISE JENKINS TO AVOID THE SUBJECT IN ANY PLANNED OR SPONTANEOUS REMARKS IS NOT, IN OUR VIEW, CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTIONS WE HAVE TAKEN UP TO NOW.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IF ANY DEMARCHES ARE MADE WITH RESPECT TO JENKINS' VISIT, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE LIMITED TO A BRIEFING ON THE SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED AND THAT THEY NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE ANY SUGGESTION THAT JENKINS AVOID THE SUBJECT OF DIRECT ELECTIONS. WE ALSO  
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NOTE BRUSSELS' VIEW THAT JENKINS AND HIS STAFF ARE AWARE OF BERLIN POLITICAL PICTURE. IF BONN SHARES THIS VIEW, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT NO RPT NO ALLIED DEMARCHE BE MADE.

3. WE ALSO CONSIDER THAT NO PARTICULAR DEMARCHE NEED BE MADE TO THE SENAT OR MAYOR STOBBE. THE MISSIONS HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT IT, AND THE SENAT HAS TOLD US THAT JENKINS IS COMING ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, BUT WITH SENAT CONCURRENCE AND WHAT WILL BE A LETTER OF WELCOME FROM STOBBE. HE WILL SIMPLY ADDRESS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE POLITICAL SUBJECT OF DIRECT ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED.

4. HOWEVER, EVEN IF A FORMAL APPROACH TO THE SENAT WERE CONTEMPLATED, WE WOULD NOT ENDORSE A UNILATERAL FRENCH MOVE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) IF THE VIEWS TO BE CONVEYED ARE ALLIED VIEWS THEY SHOULD BE PUT FORWARD IN THE NAME OF ALL THREE ALLIES; AND ALTERNATIVELY, (B) IF THE VIEWS ARE NOT SHARED BY ALL OF THE ALLIES, THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONVEYED AT ALL. IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE ALLIED THAT THEY AGREE ON INSTRUCTIONS TO BE GIVEN TO THE SENAT; OTHERWISE THE SENAT WILL BE CONFUSED BY AMBIGUOUS ALLIED SIGNALS.

5. IF SOME SORT OF DEMARCH OR "BRIEFING" SHOULD  
NEVERTHELESS BE DECIDED ON IN BRUSSELS, WE SUPPOSE THAT  
THE FRENCH/UK APPROACH AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 4 OF BONN 3814  
WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. BUT FOR THE FUTURE, DEMARCHES OF  
THIS NATURE DO RAISE QUESTIONS AS TO THE USG ROLE, E.G.  
SHOULD WE ALWAYS DEFER TO OUR ALLIED EEC MEMBERS TO CONVEY  
SUCH NOTIFICATIONS, OR SHOULD WE OURSELVES SOMETIMES  
SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL THE BERLIN PARTNERS? THE PROBLEM IS TOO  
DETAILED TO EXAMINE HERE, BUT WE MAY COMMENT ON IT LATER. GEORGE

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